

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 1, 2001

The continuation of the February 15, 2001 meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Chairperson Mary Jo Cady at the YMCA Camp Bishop, W 1476 Lost Lake Road. Commissioners Herb Baze and Wesley E. Johnson were in attendance.

BUSINESS

HEARING CONT. – SPECIAL REGULATIONS - LOST LAKE

The Board explained that the reason for the continuation hearing was that some people, at the last hearing, indicated there were individuals that did not receive notices and the Board wanted to make sure everyone was notified around the lake and given opportunity to speak to the subject.

A letter was acknowledged from Joan Heide. A petition was received with 87 signatures asking for no new regulations.

Mike Stankus spoke on behalf of his family opposing new regulations regarding the use of Lost Lake. The lake has been operational for many years without the need for new regulations.

Mark Koski explained his family has owned seven lots at Lost Lake since 1966. He did not support the belief that the majority of problems come from the boat launch. He felt there is a loss of civility; not paying attention to the needs and cares of their neighbors. He suggested that through the two homeowners associations (Elma Country Club and Lost Lake Country Club) they could address the enforcement issue. They might even fund a "rent-a-sheriff."

The Board questioned if more regulations would address the issue on the lake; or if it is a community problem.

Mr. Koski responded he is not sure if more regulations would resolve the issue.

Ken Krie voiced his opposition to the proposed rules. He did not believe the rules would make a difference. There are certain times of the year such as holidays or weekends in the summer months when there is a crowded situation and people will get upset.

Tom Nauman stated he lived at Lost Lake since 1990 and has been going to the lake since 1968 approximately. He too is opposed to the proposed change. He commented if the time speedboats could be on the lake is limited it could make it more congested and become a safety issue. He felt there are a limited number of days when the water-skiers are on the lake compared to the total number of nice days in a full year.

Joyce Morrill spoke in opposition to more regulations until they can enforce the ones they have. She too thought maybe a "rent-a-sheriff" could come out and monitor the activity.

John Smith has owned property for 40 years at the lake. He stated the best water-skiing time is early in the morning and late at night when the lake is smooth. If the jetskiers would go around the lake like the boats it would be good. He concluded that he is opposed to any more regulations on the lake.

The Board commented that one of the issues at the first hearing was on enforcement. What the Sheriff has done on other lakes and other bodies of water is contact a few people in the neighborhood and use a local unmarked boat for enforcement rather than a marked Sheriff's boat.

Richard Barney was concerned about two sets of liability the criminal and civil nuisance statute. He felt for the County to say there is no money in the Sheriff's budget is no insulation to the citizens. If they get together as neighbors they can try and solve it. He stated if they couldn't solve the issue, he felt the burden rests upon the County. He too agreed that a representative from the Elma Country Club, Lost Lake Country Club, south end of the lake and north end of the lake should get together to discuss lake issues.

Chairperson Cady stated that she has served on the Board of Directors and President, Secretary of the Washington Counties Risk Pool, which is in charge of the liability insurance for 25 counties in the state. She is aware of the liability issues that can happen and is also very much interested in communities solving their own problems if

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Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded to take no action on the petition submitted by the people of Lost Lake. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; C-aye; J-aye.

ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. due to no further business.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mary Jo Cady, Chairperson

Herb Baze, Commissioner

Wesley E. Johnson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board